

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Aurélie CHAIX et al.)	
Appln. No.	:	10/634,780)	Group Art Unit 3765
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Customer No.	:	7055)	Confirmation No. 7632
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Title	:	GARMENT HAVING PROTECTION FOR THE BUST)	



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 5,210,877 (NEWMAN), issued on May 18, 1993, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 and 8 of the aforementioned priority application, and as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 2, lines 1-32; column 3, lines 30-40; claims 1-3; and Figs. 1-3 of US '877 are cited as being pertinent. In addition, US '877 was cited by the Examiner in her Office action of August 25, 2004.

U.S. Patent No. 5,105,478 (PYE), issued on April 21, 1992, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 3, lines 32-37, and the drawing figures of US '478 are cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 3,922,723 (POPPER), issued on December 2, 1975, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 6 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 3, line 29, and column 12, line 15, to column 13, line 24 of US '723 are cited as being pertinent.

German Patent (Gebrauchsmusterschrift) No. 202 07 901 U (RUFF SPORT GMBH & CO., KG), published on October 2, 2002, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Claim 1 of DE '901 is cited as being pertinent.

A document downloaded from the Internet on March 9, 2004, URL: www.archive.org (www.mammut.ch), numbered XP002272908, dated March 1, 2001, entitled "Lhotse II Jacket," is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-8 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of the document is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,918,319 (BAXTER), issued on July 6, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 3, lines 50-53 of US '319 are cited as being pertinent.

A copy of each above-referenced non-U.S. document is attached.

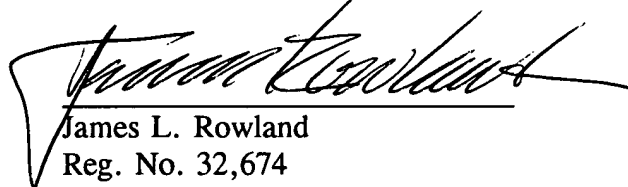
Further, with the exception of US '877, which is mentioned above as having been cited by the Examiner in her Office action, each above-referenced document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any fee required for entry and/or consideration of this information disclosure statement and the documents cited herein can be charged to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

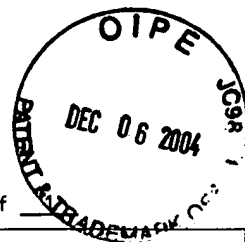
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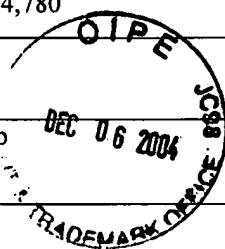
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